



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Economic Services Administration
Division of Child Care and Early Learning
P.O. Box 45480, Olympia, Washington 98504-5480

June 8, 2004

Dear Spokane County Child Care Provider:

As a result of legislative action, a budget proviso was passed dedicating funds to increase the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) child care rates for Spokane County.

The new child care rates for Spokane County are effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The new rate table is online at the following location:

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/esa/dccel/providers.shtml#impprovmail>

The Social Service Payment System (SSPS) will increase the authorized maximum DSHS rate to the new rates for all Spokane County providers effective July 1, 2004.

Providers who charge less than the new DSHS maximum Spokane County rates are not eligible for the increased rate. We expect providers to compare their rate to the rate printed on their invoice and notify WCCC staff if their customary rate is less.

Sincerely,

Rachael Langen, Director
Division of Child Care and Early Learning

Enclosure

cc: Carla Gira
DCCEL Field Managers
DCCEL Licensors